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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our rock and fortress, You put the mountains in place and bring silence to roaring waves. You are a strong tower where we find safety. We ask You for peace on Earth and good will to humanity. Lord, strengthen our faith, and forgive us for doubting Your power and providence. Thank You for this great land and for the many freedoms we sometimes take for granted. We appreciate Your faithfulness and Your mercies that are new each day.

Today, lead our lawmakers so that Your Name will be honored. Protect them from hidden dangers, and sustain them through the lengthening shadows.

We pray in Your wonderful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Dana M. Douglas, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

RECOGNIZING THE SYRACUSE ORANGE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, before I begin, I want to extend a massive—massive—congratulations to the Syracuse Orange men's soccer team for winning the NCAA College Cup national championship last night in a heart-stopping 7-to-6 victory, after penalty kicks. A big congrats to Coach McIntyre, all the amazing players, and the staff on a phenomenal accomplishment—the first in Syracuse history. Go Orange.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. President, now on the omnibus, a more serious subject, negotiations for a yearlong omnibus agreement move forward. There is a lot of work left to do, but we are optimistic that if we preserve the good faith we have seen so far, we will get there. I remain hopeful because despite disagreements about the ultimate package, there is little disagreement that an omnibus is by far

the best solution for funding the government. Still, we are going to need a little more time beyond this week to get an omnibus done.

To avoid a shutdown this Friday, the Senate should be ready to pass a 1-week CR by the end of this week to give negotiators more time to finish an agreement by the holidays. The House is set to begin consideration of a weeklong CR today, and after all the progress made towards an omnibus agreement, I hope nobody here in the Senate stands in the way of getting a 1-week CR passed quickly, through consent if needed.

Again, an omnibus is the best option—the most responsible option—for funding the government in the next fiscal year. It will ensure that the Federal Government has all the resources necessary to serve the public at full capacity. It will make sure our troops in uniform are taken care of. And I expect an omnibus will contain priorities both sides want to see passed into law, including more funding for Ukraine and the Electoral Count Act, which my colleagues in the Rules Committee have done great work on. It will be great to get that done.

After all the work we have done this year to pass important new bills, like the PACT Act and the CHIPS and Science Act and so much more, a CR into next year could prevent the investment secured in those bills from going out the door. The vast majority of us don't want to go down that road. So, again, the best option—the most responsible option—is to proceed toward an omnibus, even if it won't contain everything both sides want.

NOMINATION OF ARUN SUBRAMANIAN

Mr. President, now on judges, later this morning it will be my honor to come before the Senate Judiciary Committee to introduce an exceptional public servant, Arun Subramanian, whom President Biden nominated on my urging to serve as a district judge for the Southern District of New York.

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